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News from the Chief



It was like old times, but, then again, it was not like old times.

That thought occurred to me Tuesday evening as I walked through the Napier-Sudekum neighborhood with Commander Brandimore, officers from the Hermitage Precinct, and members of the Nashville Predators organization. We were there to deliver Thanksgiving turkeys and food baskets to ten families really in need of help during the holiday. These families were scattered

about the sprawling Napier-Sudekum development, meaning we spent quite a bit of time on foot.

There was a time during my tenure with this police department that officers were not well received in that neighborhood. Adults would generally avoid us. Kids would generally not be allowed to come near us. Tuesday was a reinforcing reminder to me that times have changed. As we walked, I stayed at the rear of the group and just watched. I saw that officers and area families knew each other's names. Kids readily came up to the group, the smallest ones offering hugs. It was a good evening.

The changes in Napier-Sudekum did not happen overnight, and there is clearly work that still needs to be done. It is a continuing and evolving process. The relationships being formed in that neighborhood and in neighborhoods throughout Nashville can be life changing. I know that similar strategies are underway in other precincts and that positive results are being seen.

The reason for all of this is the men and women of this police department who are engaging with Nashville's communities in innovative ways. On this Thanksgiving, I am thankful for you and your commitment toward enhancing the safety and quality of life of Nashville's families from all walks of life, even as our strategies evolve. Please take the time to enjoy family and friends over Thanksgiving and perhaps reflect on the life or lives you have positively impacted this year.



Happenings

Vice Mayor Jim Shulman on October 16th administered the law enforcement oath to Nashville's 29 new police officers.



Session 85 Awards

Class President
Officer Jeffrey Mullins

Academic Excellence
Officer Jeremy Spears

Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award
Officer Jeremy Spears

Physical Fitness Award
Officer Gabriel Hamilton

Officer Michael Petrina Leadership Award
Officer Jeffrey Mullins

Officer Eric Mumaw Bethel College Scholarship Recipient
Officer Andrew Ramirez

Law Award
Officer Reagan Heath

Firearm Award
Officer Tyler Geiger

Top Cop Award
Officer Jeremy Spears

On Saturday, October 13th the Training Academy and Behavioral Health Services held Family Day, an orientation to MNPD for the relatives of Session 85 prior to graduation.

Family members were given an overview of the department by Chief Anderson and an introduction to Behavioral Health Services. Following lunch from Mission BBQ and a tour of the academy, there was a panel discussion on maintaining healthy police families.



Law Enforcement Talent Showcase

The talented men and women of the MNPd along with special guests Lee Greenwood and Phil Vassar took to the stage on November 13th to help abused children as part of the 12th annual Law Enforcement Talent Showcase at The Nashville Palace.

Approximately \$20,000 was raised with all proceeds benefiting the Nashville Children's Alliance, which provides counseling and support to physically and sexually abused children.



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson, talent show founder Commander Pardue, and emcee Harry Chapman.



Lee Greenwood



Lee Greenwood greets his friend retired Chief Joe Casey.



Phil Vassar



Officer Clifton Knight

Boswell's Harley-Davidson Annual Toy Parade

For the 24th year, Boswell's Harley-Davidson partnered with the MNPD for the Annual Toy Parade on November 3rd, a significant fundraising event for the police department's Christmas Basket Program benefiting needy Nashville families.

Participating riders brought a new toy and/or made a cash donation. The money and toys will be used to support the police department's annual Christmas Basket Program, now in its 57th year, through which police officers deliver food and toys to needy Nashvillians on Christmas Eve morning. Hundreds of men, women and children comprising more than 200 underprivileged families will receive surprise gifts of food and toys this year.



Veterans Day Parade

MNPD joined in honoring those who lost their lives in service to their country during the November 12th Veterans Day parade in downtown Nashville.





Bike Response Team Class

Following training October 25-27, the MNPD now has 70 Bike Response Team certified officers.



Halloween Activities

Mounted Officers Rodney Clark and Mike MacLennan with partners Chisum and Boo delighted families during the Montessori Center Fall Halloween Carnival.



Several MNPD components combined their talents to host the fun and hugely successful “Spooktacular” at Shelby Park.





Precinct News

Madison

Thanks to our friends at the Madison Rivergate PetSmart who, for the second year in a row, have partnered with the Madison Precinct to donate hundreds of stuffed animals for officers to give to children over the holidays.

PetSmart customers purchased the stuffed animals for \$5 each. Several hundred of them have also been donated to our Christmas Basket program.



Madison community member Richard Cayce presented two coins for each of the 114 precinct officers as a token of his appreciation for all they do.



Hermitage

Quick police response to an early morning armed robbery at Thorntons, 4145 Lebanon Pike, led to the arrest of two suspects, Sergio Ortega, 21, and Cameron Carver, 15.

A Thorntons' employee was in the parking lot at 2 a.m. when Carver and Ortega, both wearing masks and one armed with a knife, entered the store. The employee who was outside immediately called police. Once inside, the suspects then displayed the knife and what appeared to be a handgun. They demanded cash. The employees complied.

Both suspects were apprehended a short time after fleeing the store on foot. The stolen cash and knife were recovered along with an object that Carver admitted he held to make it appear as if it were a gun. Ortega also admitted his involvement in the robbery. Both suspects were positively identified.

Ortega is charged with aggravated robbery. Carver is charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated robbery.

Another very serious example of the danger involved in walking away from your car without taking the keys.

Michael Wayne Cook, 42, is jailed on charges of especially aggravated kidnapping and vehicle theft after he jumped into a 2005 Dodge Stratus that was left unlocked with the motor running on October 28th at the gas pumps of the Shell Market at 822 Murfreesboro Pike. A 41-year-old mother left her 10-year-old daughter in the backseat of the car while she went inside the market to pay for gas. She looked out of the store window to see someone driving away in her car with her daughter.

A short time later, Cook pulled into the Shell Market at 601 Fesslers Lane and left the 10-year-old girl unharmed with store clerks before driving away in the Dodge.

Hermitage Precinct officers and detectives worked with the 41-year-old victim to track her car to Clarksville. Clarksville police found the Dodge parked with no one in it on Kraft Street. Clarksville officers canvassed the immediate area looking for a man matching the

description of the Nashville car thief. About three blocks from the car, they came across Cook. Inside his jacket pocket was the key to the vehicle. Cook was returned to Nashville where, during an interview with Detective David Studer, he admitted to taking the car with the girl inside.

The MNPD continues to strongly caution citizens against leaving vehicles unattended with the keys or key fob inside.

Congratulations to Hermitage Precinct Officer Allyson Reis who was honored on October 23rd as the Donelson-Hermitage Exchange Club's Officer of the Year for her dedicated police work and devoted community service to the families and businesses in the area she serves.



North

Timothy Darnell Weakley, who was arrested and prosecuted federally 12 years ago for a series of Nashville bank robberies, appears to have returned to his old ways. Weakley, 52, was taken into custody on October 24th shortly after robbing the Regions Bank branch on Rivergate Parkway.

North Precinct Detective Sergeant Brad Johns and Detective Melody Saxon spotted Weakley's getaway car as he drove away from the Rivergate area. A police helicopter wound up following the car to an apartment complex on Oak Valley Drive. Weakley was taken into custody there with the assistance of officers from the Madison Precinct and Goodlettsville Police. He is suspected of robbing Regions Bank's 5707 Nolensville Pike Branch and

attempting to rob SunTrust Bank's 4604 Charlotte Avenue branch on October 23rd, and robbing Regions Bank's 2250 Murfreesboro Pike branch on October 4th.

Weakley registered as an ex-con with the MNPD in April 2017. He will again be prosecuted federally.

Central

Great work from all who participated in the School Resource Officer Bike Class October 15th-19th.



Officers participated in Community Service Week at First Baptist Church in downtown Nashville which showed children the many roles of first responders.





Midtown Hills

Midtown Hills Precinct detectives on November 15th charged 15-year-old Tyrese Fowler with aggravated robbery and unlawful gun possession in connection with the armed robbery of a Papa John's Pizza deliveryman outside the West End Avenue store.

The 34-year-old victim was getting into his car to make pizza deliveries when a blue sedan parked behind him just after 5 p.m. A gunman, alleged to have been Fowler, got out, pulled a pistol from his waistband, and demanded "everything." The driver handed over pizzas, his cellphone and money. Fowler and an accomplice then drove away.

Detectives learned that an individual being detained for fighting at the downtown city bus station was potentially involved in the robbery. That person was Fowler, who was carrying a loaded .380 pistol that had been stolen out of Mt. Juliet. During an interview after his arrest, Fowler admitted to the robbery. The victim also identified him after being shown a photo lineup. Fowler was taken to juvenile detention.

Midtown Hills Precinct undercover officers on November 11th arrested convicted felon Dustin Stanton, 35, who had gone on a one man crime spree over the past few days involving two carjackings, three burglaries and the ramming of a police car. Stanton fired multiple shots during one of his crimes and tossed a gun today as he tried to run from officers on High Street.

Last Saturday morning, the owner of a Nolensville Pike muffler shop arrived at work to find the business had been burglarized. He recognized the burglar (Stanton) from surveillance footage as an acquaintance of a former employee, knew that the burglar frequented the area of Antioch Pike and Haywood Lane, and set out to find him. The muffler shop owner found Stanton at a carwash at 1672 Antioch Pike and attempted to block him in while he called police. Stanton attempted to flee in the stolen Acura MDX he was driving, but got stuck on a concrete barrier. Stanton then ran to a man who was drying off his Ford Focus and, at gunpoint,

demanded that he drive him away. When the victim refused, Stanton fired a shot, got into the Ford and fled. In the process he fired two more shots at the victim.

Stanton crashed the Ford on Bell Road at Percy Priest Dam and carjacked a Honda Accord.

As officers tried to locate Stanton, they found him outside 4912 Shasta Drive talking to individuals inside a Nissan Juke. When police approached, Stanton got into the backseat of the Juke and pulled a gun on the occupants. They jumped out, prompting Stanton to get into the driver's seat and try to flee. In the process he rammed a police car. The wrecked Juke was found a short time later in the woods at Paragon Mills Park.

Stanton fled through the woods and approached a home owner on Cathy Jo Circle. He pulled a gun, forced the homeowner into the residence, where Stanton stole a change of clothes and the keys to the victim's Nissan Frontier.

Midtown Hills Precinct undercover detectives, knowing that Stanton frequented High Street, set up surveillance and spotted him heading to one of two stolen vehicles nearby. Detectives moved in and Stanton ran, tossing a pistol into the grass. They won the foot chase and took Stanton into custody.

Stanton is a convicted burglar and car thief. He received a six-year prison sentence in July 2016.

South

A 16-year-old runaway from state custody who was arrested on October 24th as part of a carjacking investigation admits to being involved in robbing multiple victims of their vehicles over the past four weeks.

Gerardo Perez is charged with the September 30th carjacking of a Jeep Wrangler from Murfreesboro Pike, the September 30th carjacking of a Toyota 4Runner from Waikiki Boulevard, the October 7th carjacking of a Honda Civic from Winthorne Drive, the October 21st carjacking of a Dodge Charger from Brookridge Trail, and the October 23rd carjacking of a Toyota Prius from Cane Ridge Road. Efforts continue to identify other suspected teen accomplices with Perez.

South Precinct detectives and members of the Juvenile Crime Task Force spotted the Prius and Charger at an apartment complex on Apache Trail. As they attempted to box the Charger in, it fled. The Prius was recovered. A 16-year-old in the apartment complex who had the keys to the Prius in his pocket was arrested on a charge of auto theft. A gun was discovered on the ground not far from him.

Twice officers initiated a pursuit of the Charger, only to discontinue due to the driver's high speeds in residential areas. The Charger was eventually followed to a parking lot at 4880 Nolensville Pike where it stopped. As Juvenile Crime Task Force officers moved in, the driver (Perez) fled on foot. Officers chased and apprehended him.

South Precinct officers on October 19th arrested three teens and recovered two stolen vehicles and two guns in the 1200 block of 1st Avenue South.

Officers located a 2009 Acura TSX sedan in an alley with a 17-year-old male asleep in the driver's seat. The car had been taken from the Shell station at 580 Donelson Pike. The owner had left the car unlocked and running. A handgun was also in the vehicle at the time it was stolen.

Officers also found a second stolen vehicle, a 2018 Hyundai Tucson, which had also been reported stolen. The other two teens were asleep in the Hyundai, a 17-year-old in the driver's seat, and his passenger, Marques Newsom, 18. All three teens were taken into custody.

The teen in the Acura had the owner's nine-millimeter handgun in his front pocket. A second handgun, reported stolen in Bowling Green, Kentucky, was recovered from the Hyundai.

The Hyundai was stolen after the driver pumped gas at Eddies Market, 4438 Heath Road. The victim reported that the suspect entered the SUV from the passenger side and drove off.

Newsom, of 11th Avenue South, is charged with theft of property and unlawful handgun possession (he had been sitting on the stolen gun). Prior to his arrest, he was free on \$3,500 bond for his August arrest for vehicle theft.

Both 17-year-olds are charged in Juvenile Court. The teen from the Hyundai is charged with resisting arrest and vehicle theft. The second 17-year-old is charged with vehicle theft and handgun possession during the commission of a felony.

Sergeant James Freeman helped teach future graduates of Pearl Cohn High School how to tie a tie.



Domestic Violence Division

Hispanic Police Officers Association (HPOA) members delivered turkey dinners to 100 families in need of assistance this Thanksgiving. Additionally, each meal included information from the Domestic Violence and Youth Services Divisions.



Domestic Violence Detective Luis Lopez making deliveries.

The Domestic Violence Division on October 17th participated in the 16th Annual National Domestic Violence Family Apprehension Warrant Sweep.

This is the 4th year the MNPD has been involved in the day-long event in which agencies across the county attempt to serve outstanding family violence warrants.

The operation resulted in 278 warrant service attempts and warrants were served on 17 individuals. The officers also conducted numerous orders of protection checks as well as bond condition checks.



Special Operations Division

Sergeant Chris Warner recently struck up a conversation with a family. The children were thrilled to learn about and meet Canine Gunner!



Specialized Investigations Division

The MNPD's Major Case Task Force, with assistance from U.S. Homeland Security Investigations, on November 1st charged a Nashville man with possessing 445 pounds of marijuana shipped here from California to be sold in this area.

Law enforcement officers and agents watched as Tam Nguyen, 42, took possession of a storage pod that had been delivered to him at 6350 Nolensville Pike. Nguyen consented to a search of the pod, which contained 215 pounds of marijuana in boxes. A subsequent search of Nguyen's 1026 Ashmore Drive home revealed an additional 230 pounds of marijuana, \$39,502 cash and \$10,000 worth of money orders.

Nguyen, who formerly lived in California, was charged with felony marijuana possession.

A four-month investigation into the distribution of opioids culminated in the October 18th execution of search warrants at three Nashville locations and the seizure of seven pounds of heroin, ten grams of cocaine, 2.5 pounds of marijuana, one pistol and \$4,025 cash.

Five pounds of the heroin was recovered from 1023 Pleasant View Drive. Also found was a press for bricking kilograms of heroin, cutting agents, face masks, latex gloves and plastic baggies. Arrested there for felony possession of heroin for resale was convicted drug felon Jerome L. Wilkerson, 40, who received a 10-year probated sentence in 2015 on two felony

cocaine counts. Wilkerson was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in 2002 and received a 10-year sentence.

Also arrested were convicted cocaine felons and brothers Lafonte Gregory, 31, and Belafonte Gregory, 33, after search warrants were executed at their residences. Inside Lafonte Gregory's 218 Larkin Springs Drive home, detectives found baggies containing heroin, cocaine, marijuana and a .45 caliber pistol. Lafonte Gregory received a 10-year sentence stemming from his arrest in 2010 in a felony cocaine case.

Inside Belafonte Gregory's 5428 Daniel Ray Drive residence, detectives found a baggie of heroin, drug paraphernalia and the seized cash. He received a 9-year sentence in 2007 in a felony cocaine case.

The investigation shows that heroin transactions had taken place on the property of the brothers' barbershop, Chop it Up, on S. Gallatin Pike.

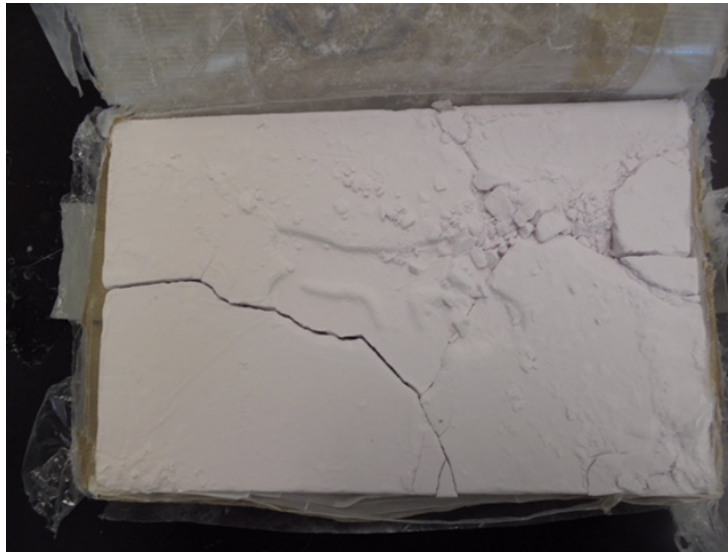
This investigation is being conducted by the MNPB's Major Case Task Force with assistance from the DEA, FBI and TBI.



Nearly five pounds of what was initially believed to have been cocaine concealed in a suitcase flown into Nashville International Airport has been determined by the MNPB Crime Laboratory to be the conservative equivalent of one million lethal doses of fentanyl.

In January of this year, law enforcement in Nashville was alerted by DEA agents in Phoenix that luggage checked by airline passenger Reem Ibrahim was found by the TSA to contain a large bundle that appeared to be marijuana along with two kilogram-sized packages wrapped in plastic. When Ibrahim arrived in Nashville and claimed two checked suitcases, she was stopped by law enforcement and allowed a search of her baggage. One suitcase contained approximately 25 pounds of marijuana and the two kilogram-sized packages, which initially field tested positive for cocaine. The other suitcase contained an additional 25 pounds of marijuana.

Ibrahim, 22, of Phoenix, claimed that she had been promised \$1,000 to deliver the luggage to Nashville. She said that she did not know illegal substances were inside. Ibrahim was arrested on charges of possessing cocaine and marijuana for resale. The cocaine charge will now be amended to reflect that fentanyl was the actual substance being transported here.



A Houston man who flew into BNA in October, took a cab to a local bus station and retrieved two suitcases containing nearly 20 pounds of bricked cocaine was intercepted by detectives assigned to the MNPDP's Major Case Task Force before he had a chance to distribute it.

Kenneth Allen Rios, 47, was surveilled by detectives and DEA agents as he traveled with the suitcases to a Spence Lane motel. When Rios saw law enforcement, he ran and slid off a bluff near the I-40/I-24 interchange before being taken into custody.

Rios is charged with possessing the large amount of cocaine for resale.



Children at Harding Academy were treated to a K-9 presentation by the Interdiction Unit. The youngsters enjoyed learning about the officers and their canine partners.



Juvenile Crime Task Force

Proactive police work by Juvenile Crime Task Force members led to the arrest of two young men and the seizure of three handguns, two of which had been reported stolen from unlocked vehicles.

Officers were patrolling in the area of Dowlan Street and 25th Avenue North when they saw several young men playing dice on a residential porch in the Cumberland View public housing development. They all fled on foot when they saw the officers. A short time later, two of the young men were seen sitting in a parked silver Ford Escape. Jamontez Johnson, 20, of 9th Avenue North, and a 16-year-old, were taken into custody. Three handguns were recovered from the Escape. Johnson is alleged to have hidden a handgun under the driver seat. The teen is accused of placing two other pistols, both reported stolen, under the passenger seat. Cocaine and marijuana packaged in plastic baggies and a digital scale were also seized.

Johnson is charged with cocaine possession, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, resisting arrest, and gun possession during the commission of a felony. At the time of his arrest, Johnson was free on \$50,000 bond for his alleged role in an April 2017 armed robbery on Morena Street.

The 16-year-old is charged in Juvenile Court with second offense handgun possession, marijuana possession, resisting arrest, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Juvenile Crime Task Force members, following up on information concerning teens involved with guns and marijuana, found exactly what they were looking for .

During the execution of a search warrant on October 23rd at 307 Elysian Fields Road, officers seized two pounds of marijuana, 5,217 Xanax bars, 1.5 ounces of hallucinogenic mushrooms, 3.4 ounces of hashish, two handguns, and a rifle.

Brandon Caruthers, 16, who had been wanted for several months for his alleged involvement in an August 5th armed robbery in South Nashville, was taken into custody. He is

charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated robbery for that case. Two other teens at the residence, both age 16, are charged in Juvenile Court with multiple felony drug counts and gun possession during the commission of a felony.

Jennifer Tran, 49, was also present in the home. She is charged with felony drug possession, gun possession in the commission of a felony, and three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Retirement Celebration

Detective Danny Satterfield celebrated 46 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson and Detective Satterfield

School Resource Officer John “Butch” Davis celebrated 31 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Davis and Deputy Chief John Drake

Sergeant Bill Miller celebrated 30 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Sgt. Miller and Deputy Chief John Drake

Congratulations:



Detective Joseph Snyder, Specialized Investigations Division, and his wife, Jaclyn, welcomed their daughter, Rebecca Grace Snyder, on October 20th.

Detective John Daugherty, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their son, Leon Baker Daugherty, on October 19th.

Detective Jared Ester, Domestic Violence Division, and his wife, Abby, welcomed their daughter, Emory Claire Ester, on October 26th.

Officer Brian McLarty, North Precinct, and his wife, Katie, welcomed their son, Eddie Ray McLarty, on October 31st.

Officer Terrance Stuckey, North Precinct, and his wife, Monae, welcomed their son, Terran Jayce Stuckey, on October 29th.

Sergeant Kelly Cantrell, East Precinct, and her husband, Officer Johnny Cantrell, welcomed their son, Johnny Clay Cantrell, on November 17th.

Condolences:

Martha Angel, the sister of Julia Hooper, Forensic Services, and aunt to Rebecca Hooper, Court Appearance, and Daniel Hooper, Human Resources, passed away on October 12th.

Xavier Harrison, the grandfather of Officer Harrison Nearn, Specialized Investigations Division, passed away.

Zenia Jewel Mitchell, the grandmother of Sergeant Tony Blackburn, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on November 2nd.

Minka Perry, the daughter of retired Chief of Police Joe Casey, passed away on November 18th.